

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 04615 101010Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00
SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03
PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 SES-02 SAA-01 SSM-03 IO-13
SVC-00 /079 W

-----025494 101021Z /11

O P 100951Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9168
INFO SIT-REP COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER
USNMR SHAPE BELGIUM
CINCUSNAVEUR, LONDON ENG
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GER
COMSIXTHFLT
CTF SIX ZERO
CTF SIX ONE
CTF SIX TWO
CTG SIX ZERO PT TWO
FICEURLANT NORFOLK VA
FOSIF ROTA SPAIN
DIA WASHDC
CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GER
USDOCOSOUTH NAPLES IT

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4615

E.9. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, MILI, ASEC, LE
SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION: AUGUST 10, 1978 - 1200 HOURS LOCAL

REF: BEIRUT 4573 (DTG 090930Z AUG 78)

1. TENTATIVE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT.

A. TENSION HAS DECREASED CONSIDERABLY IN THE CITY,
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 04615 101010Z

AS THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS AND THE SYRIANS AGREED TO A
CEASE-FIRE BEGINNING LATE AUGUST 9 (SEPTEL).
UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CEASE-FIRE:

-- THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS HAVE ORDERED THEIR MEN
"NOT TO APPEAR IN MILITARY UNIFORM OR WEAR WEAPONS
IN PUBLIC IN THE ASHRAFIYAH AREA."

-- THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW THE SYRIANS TO RESUPPLY THEIR POSITIONS IN EAST BEIRUT.

-- THE SYRIANS DID NOT AGREE TO A CHRISTIAN DEMAND FOR THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIAN SOLDIERS FROM EAST BEIRUT, BUT DID AGREE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF THEIR POSITIONS AND TO ALLOW LEBANESE GENDARMES TO MAN KEY POSITIONS IN THE AREA.

B. AS OF 12:00 HOURS LOCAL THE CEASE-FIRE IS HOLDING, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME SMALL ARMS FIRE THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 9-10.

2. BEIRUT PORT.

HEAD OF THE BEIRUT PORT COMPAGNIE DE GESTION HENRI PHARAON TOLD EMBOFF THAT NEW AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED TO REOPEN THE PORT. NEW OPENING DATE IS MONDAY, AUGUST 14. PREVIOUS SUCH AGREEMENT FAILED AUGUST 1 WHEN RIFLE-LAUNCHED GRENADES WERE FIRED INTO PORT AREA FROM NEAR-BY, PROBABLY KATAEB, POSITIONS.

3. CHAMOUN AND GEMAYEL ATTACK SYRIAN ROLE.

CAMILLE CHAMOUN AND PIERRE GEMAYEL HAVE STRONGLY CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BEIRUT 04615 101010Z

CRITICIZED KHADDAM'S REMARKS DURING HIS VISIT TO ZGHARTA ON APRIL 8. GEMAYEL SAID: "ANY FOREIGN FORCE IS ILL-STARRED WHEN ITS PRESENCE BECOMES OPPRESSING." CHAMOUN WAID THAT THE SYRIANS WERE IN FACT PURSUING A POLICY OF "OCCUPATION," CAMOUFLAGED BY ALTRUISTIC PRETENSIONS.

4. KHATIB REPORTEDLY RELEASED.

ACCORDING TO L'ORIENT LE'JOUR, LT. AHMAD KHATIB, OF THE LEFTIST LEBANESE ARMY (LAA) WAS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY IN DAMASCUS ON AUGUST 6 AND HAS RETURNED TO BEIRUT. THE FREEING OF KHATIB, IF TRUE, WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOL TO SETTLE THE HADDAD AND SHIDIAK PROBLEMS.

5. THE PEACE SHIP.

A LEBANESE PATROL BOAT ESCORTED ABIE NATHAN'S PEACE SHIP OUT OF LEBANESE TERRITORIAL WATERS BEFORE IT COULD UNLOAD ANY OF ITS MEDICAL SUPPLIES OR CANDY ON AUGUST 8. THE SHIP HAS REMAINED IN THE VICINITY,

HOWEVER, ABOUT SIX MILES OFF THE LEBANESE COAST.
PARKER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ARMISTICE, AGREEMENT, REPORTS, COMBAT OPERATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BEIRUT04615
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780327-0534
Format: TEL
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780876/aaaacleh.tel
Line Count: 118
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 87b35b65-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 BEIRUT 4573
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1773137
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LEBANESE SITUATION: AUGUST 10, 1978 - 1200 HOURS LOCAL
TAGS: PINS, PINT, MILI, ASEC, LE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/87b35b65-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014